

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 695 – HB 859

March 12, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a social media platform from including a provision in a contract with a user limiting, authorizing the limitation of, or censoring political or religious speech. Creates a civil cause of action for a user whose speech has been limited or censored by a social media platform. Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring a case on behalf of the state if certain criteria are met.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation defines a user as an individual who resides in this state or an entity operating in this state with permission to create and share content on a social media platform.
- Any additional AG duties resulting from the proposed legislation will be absorbed using existing resources.
- Any impact to the court system resulting from the proposed legislation will be accomplished using existing judicial resources.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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